THE SWORD INTERVAL

YPRES, 1915

A GUEST COMIC BY ALEXIS LERIGER DE LA PLANTE

(CHECK OUT HER WEBTOON, OPHIUCHUS)

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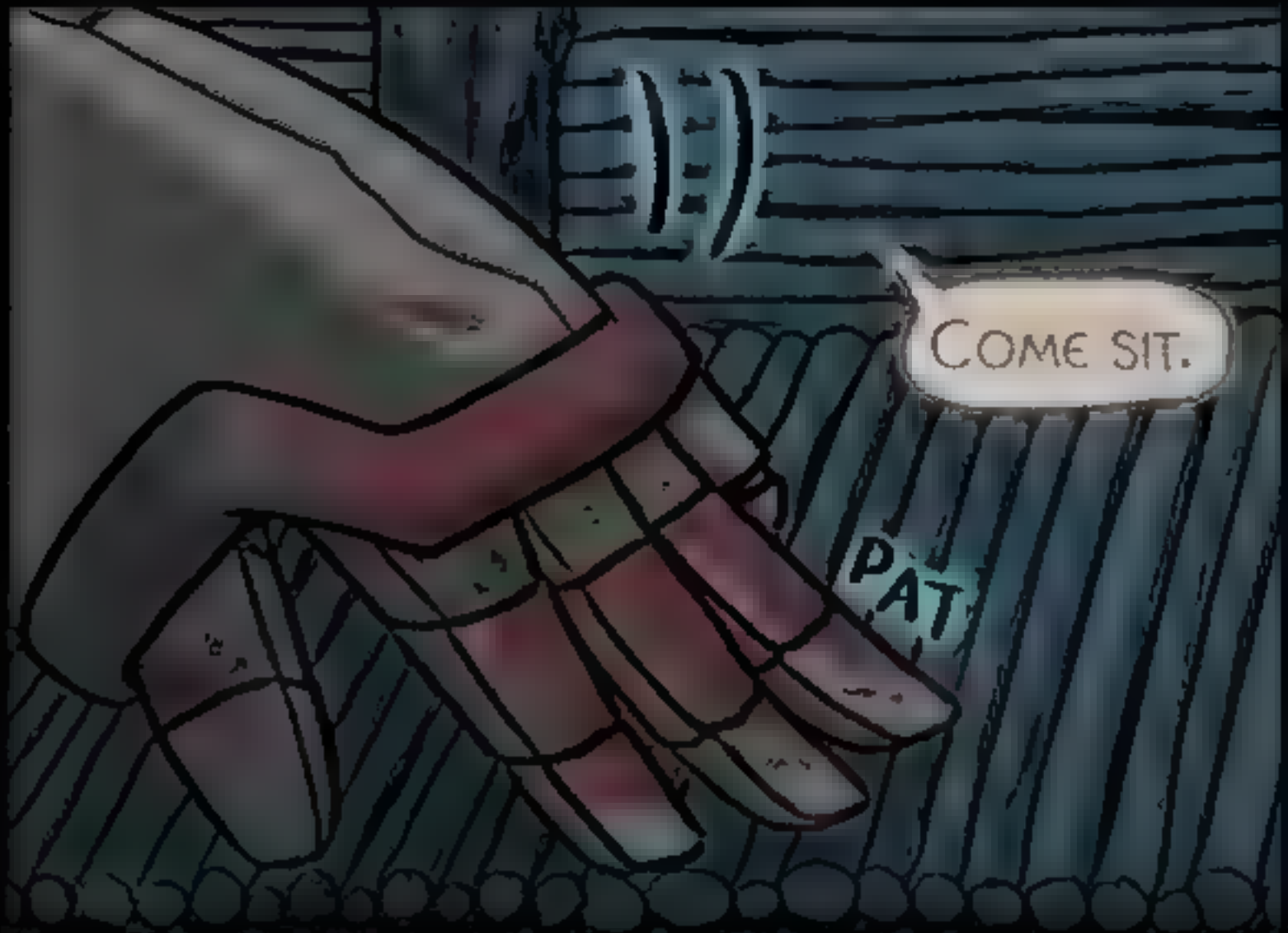
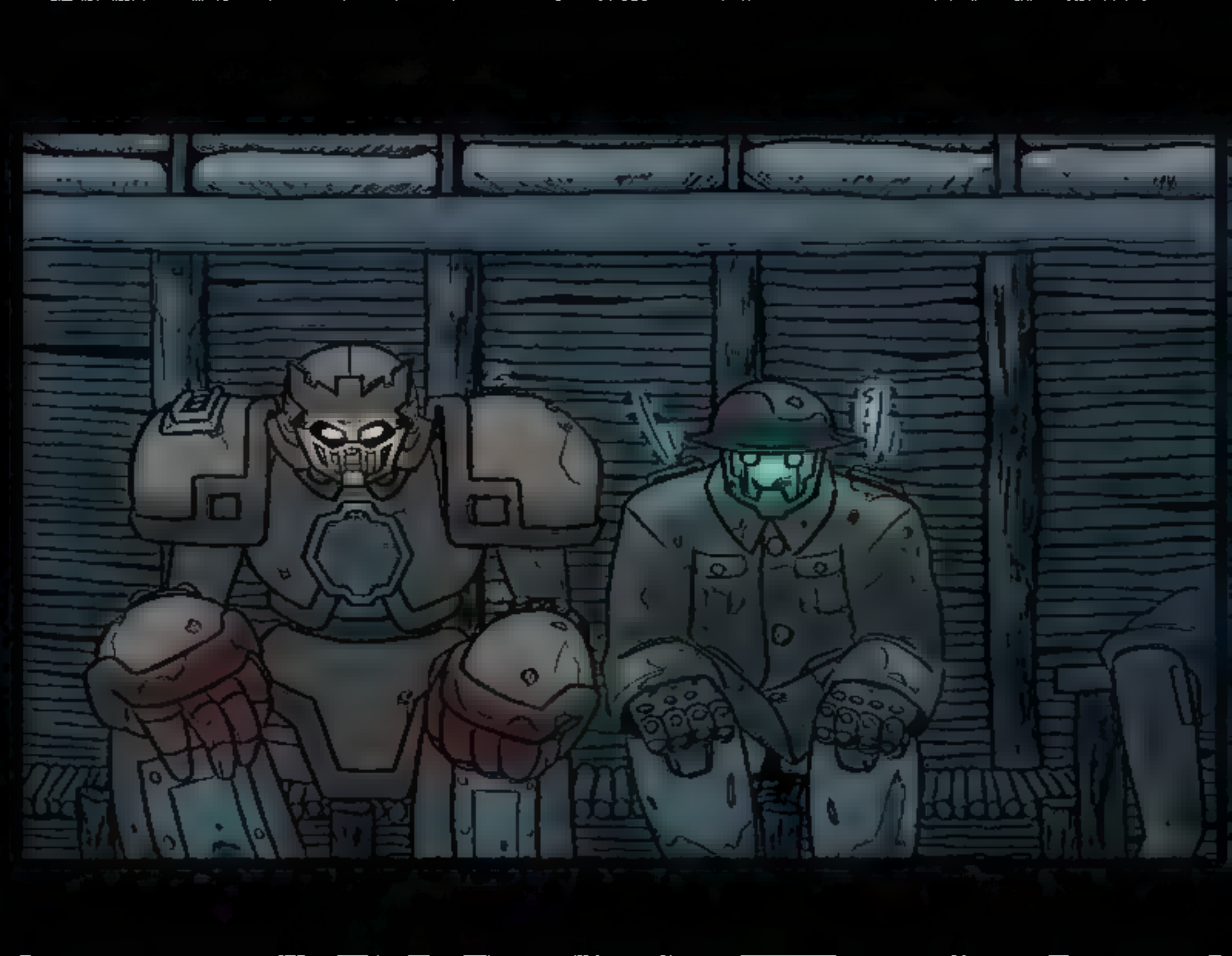
A LITTLE FURTHER, YELED.

GRAB

Ah, it's Reginald.
Are you alright, Yeled?
Yes, sir.
Thank you.

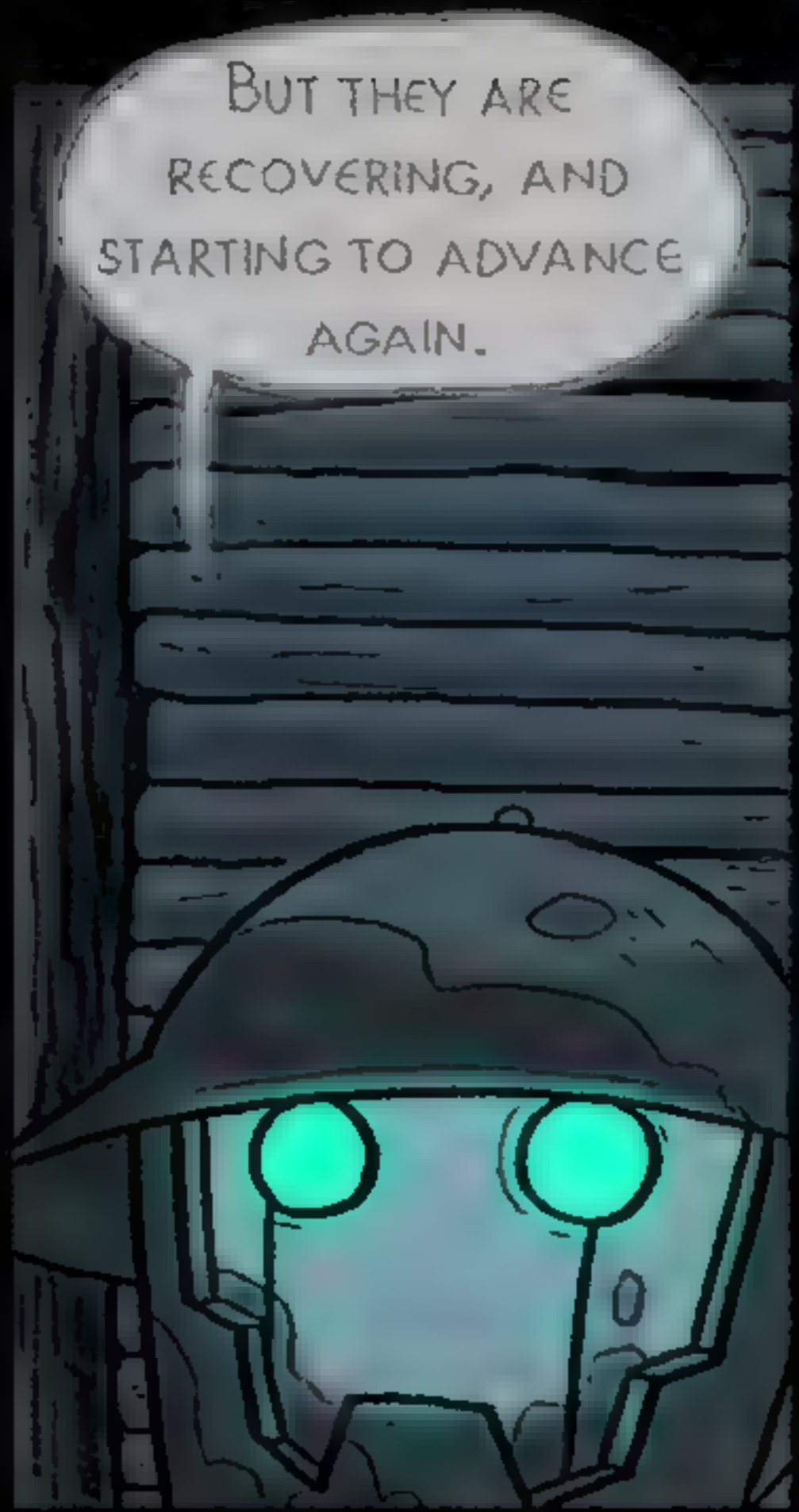
GOOD.


COME SIT.
PAT

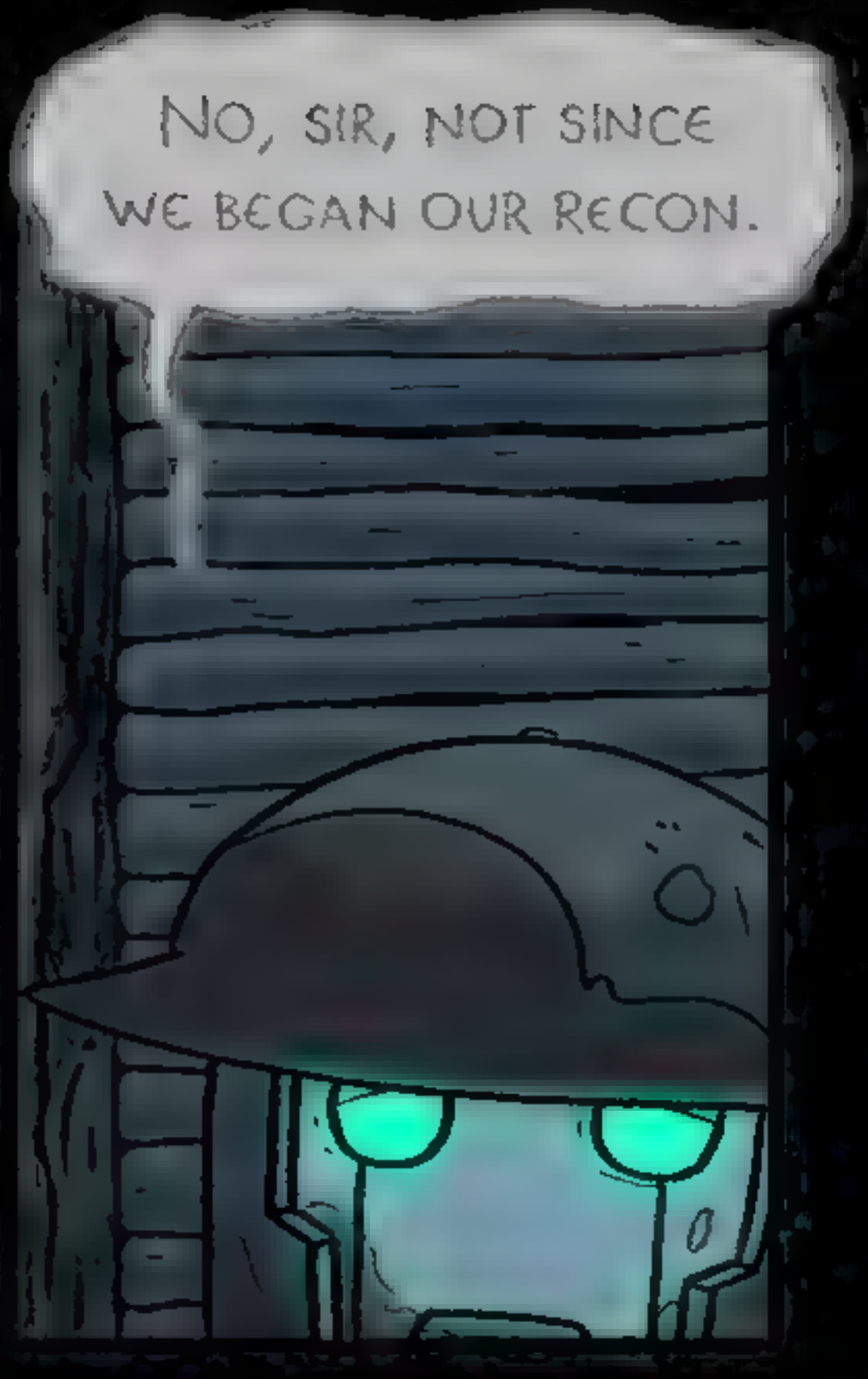


GO AHEAD, GIVE ME A REPORT, THEN.
AH!

It seems like the enemy killed a number of their own with their gas.
This may be why they stopped.

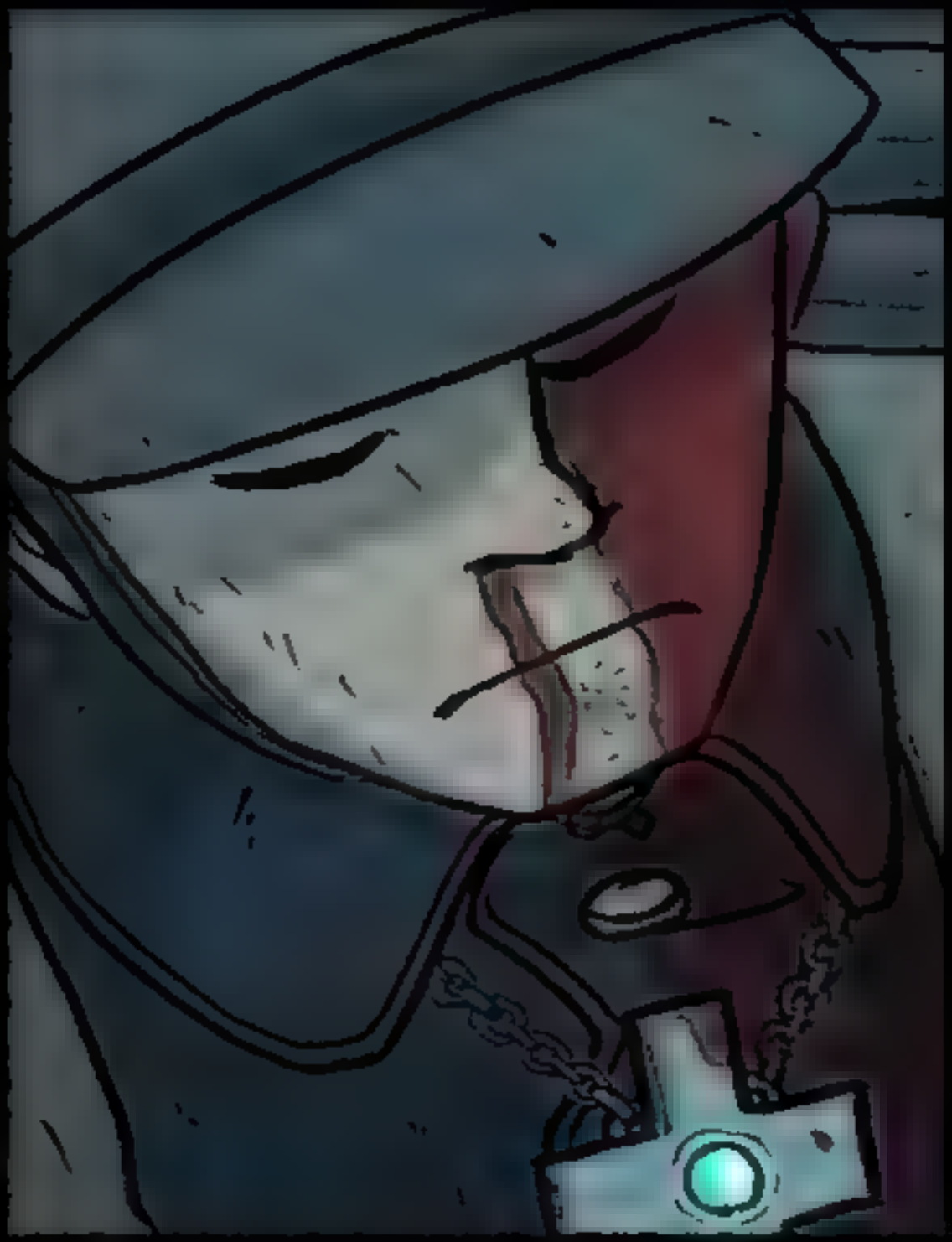

BUT THEY ARE RECOVERING, AND STARTING TO ADVANCE AGAIN.

HAVE YOU SEEN ANY OF YOUR BROTHERS?


NO, SIR, NOT SINCE WE BEGAN OUR RECON.

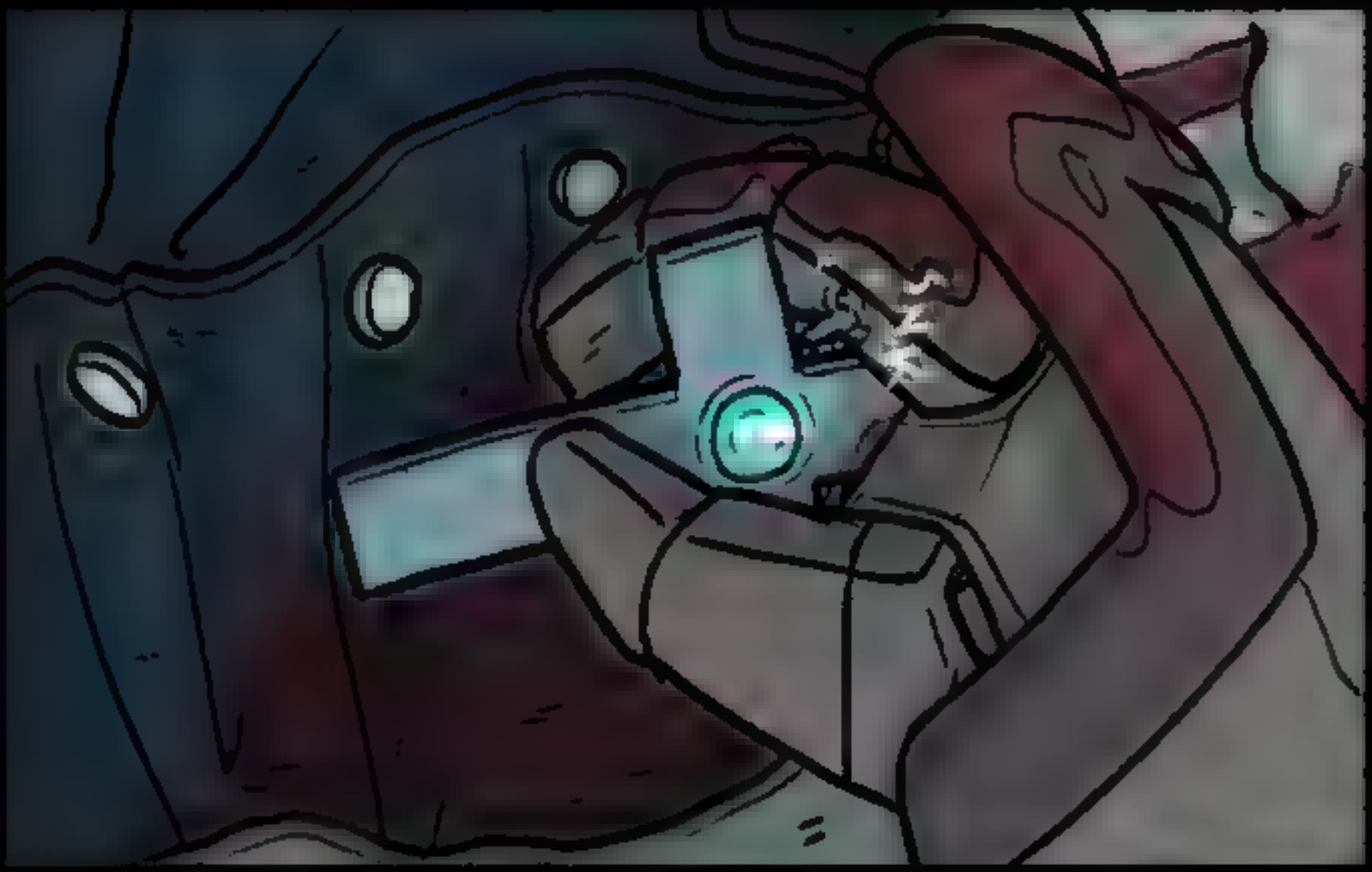
MM. WELL, THEY ARE ALL A LITTLE SLOWER ON THE UPTAKE THAN YOU.
I AM SURE THEY WILL CATCH UP, IF WE WAIT.

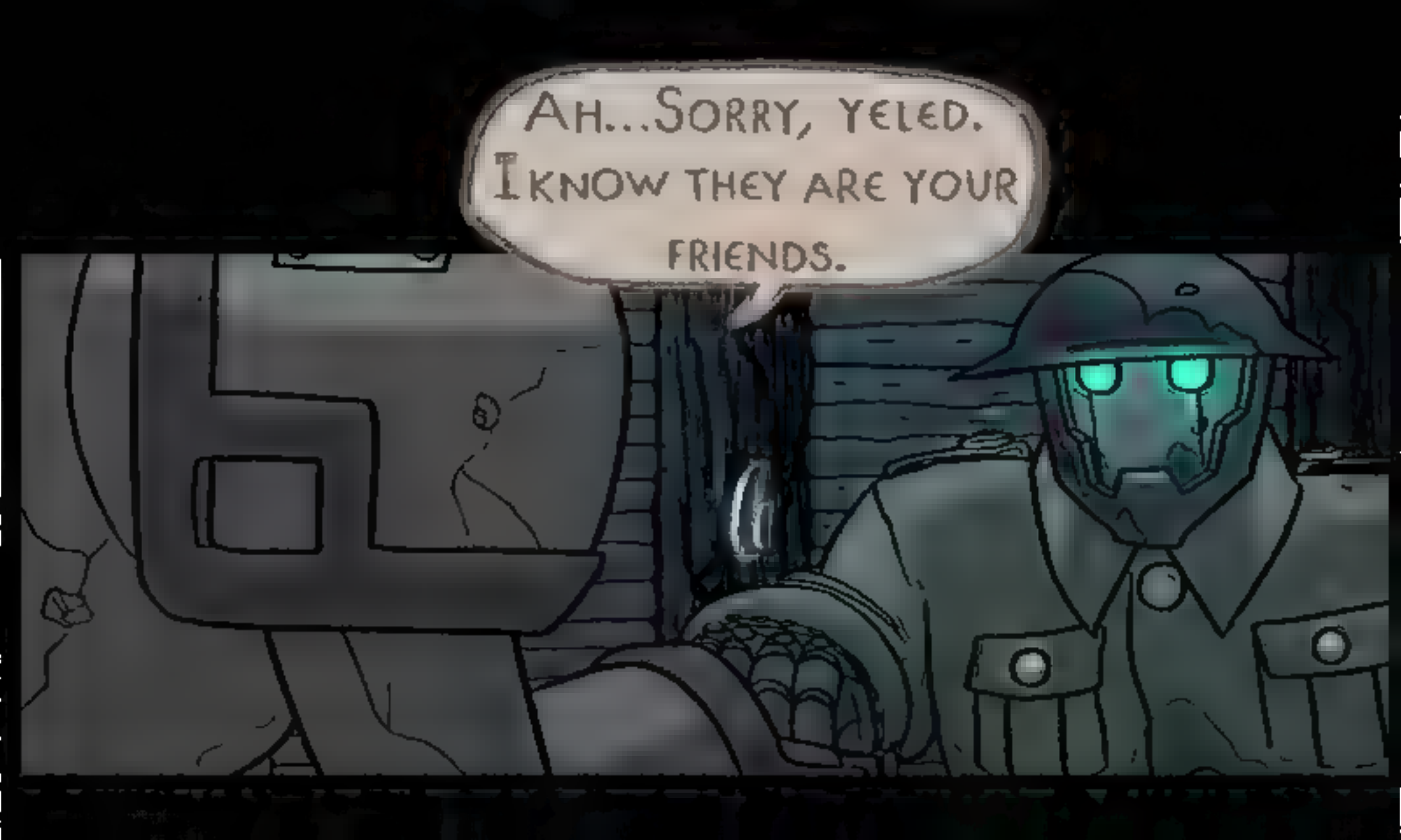
ARE YOU HUNGRY, YELED?
A FEW OF THESE KRAUTS HAVE CHARMS, TO KEEP THE GHOSTS AT BAY.

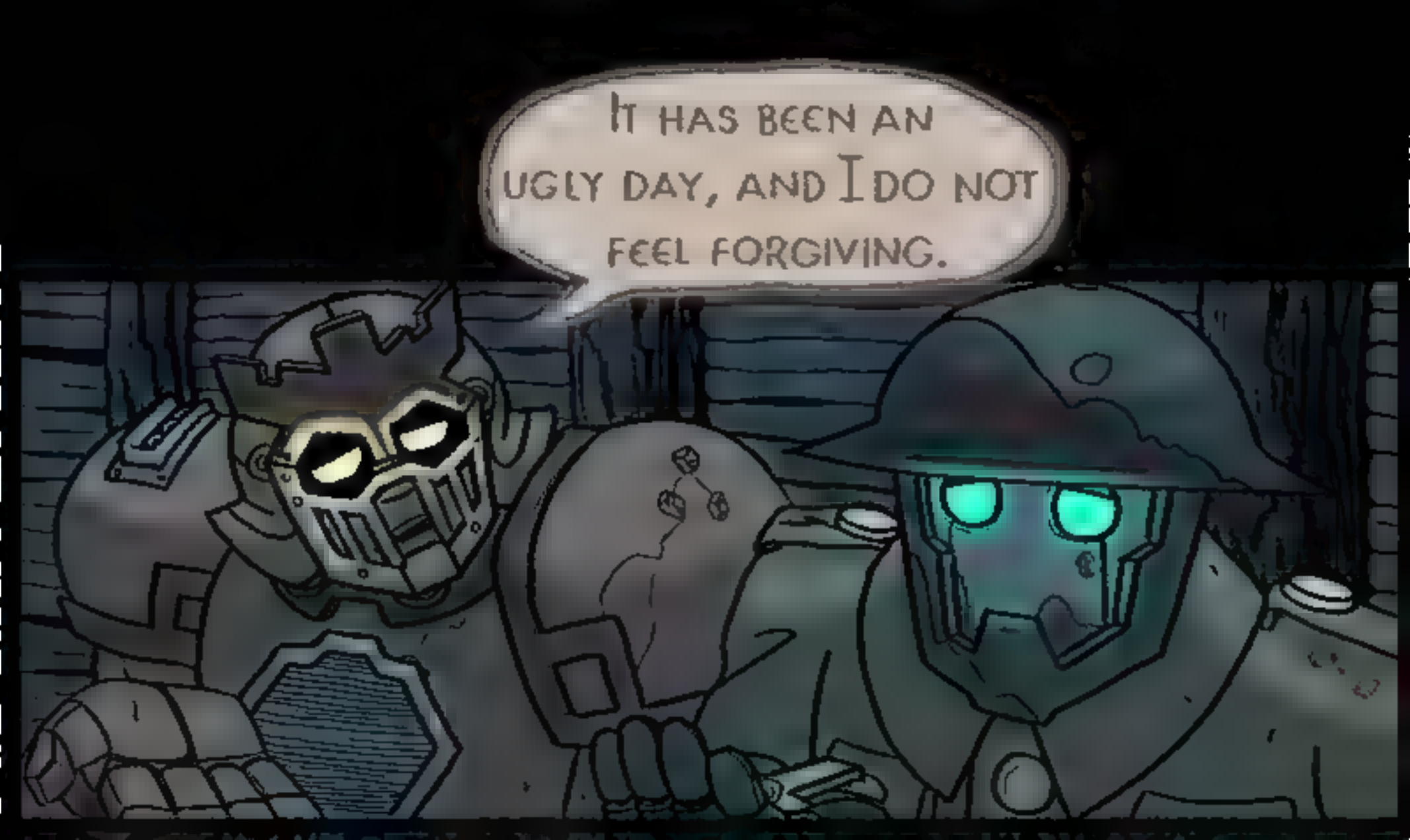


Do the dead bother you, Reginald?

It's alright. You're young.
It's good you understand that this is horrific. I was worried those British idiots had built you feebleminded.

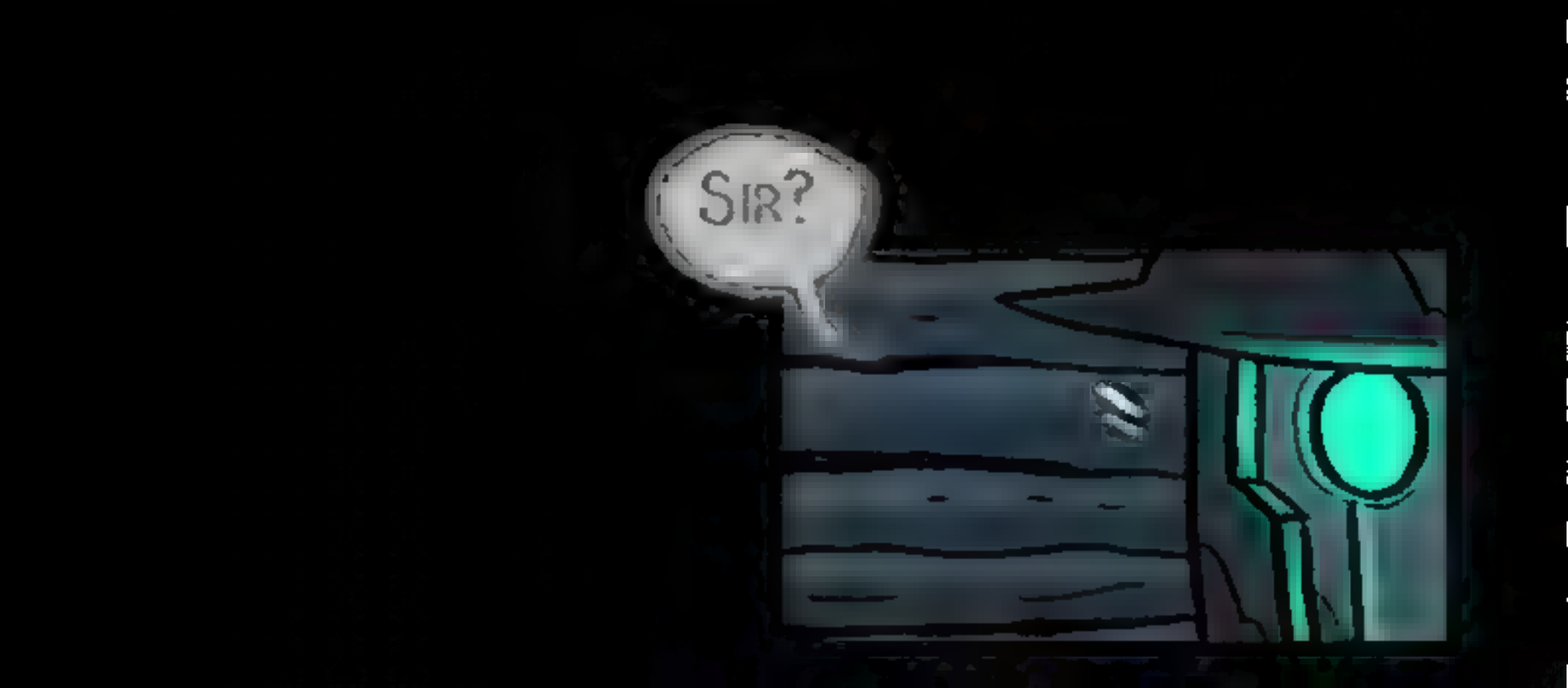


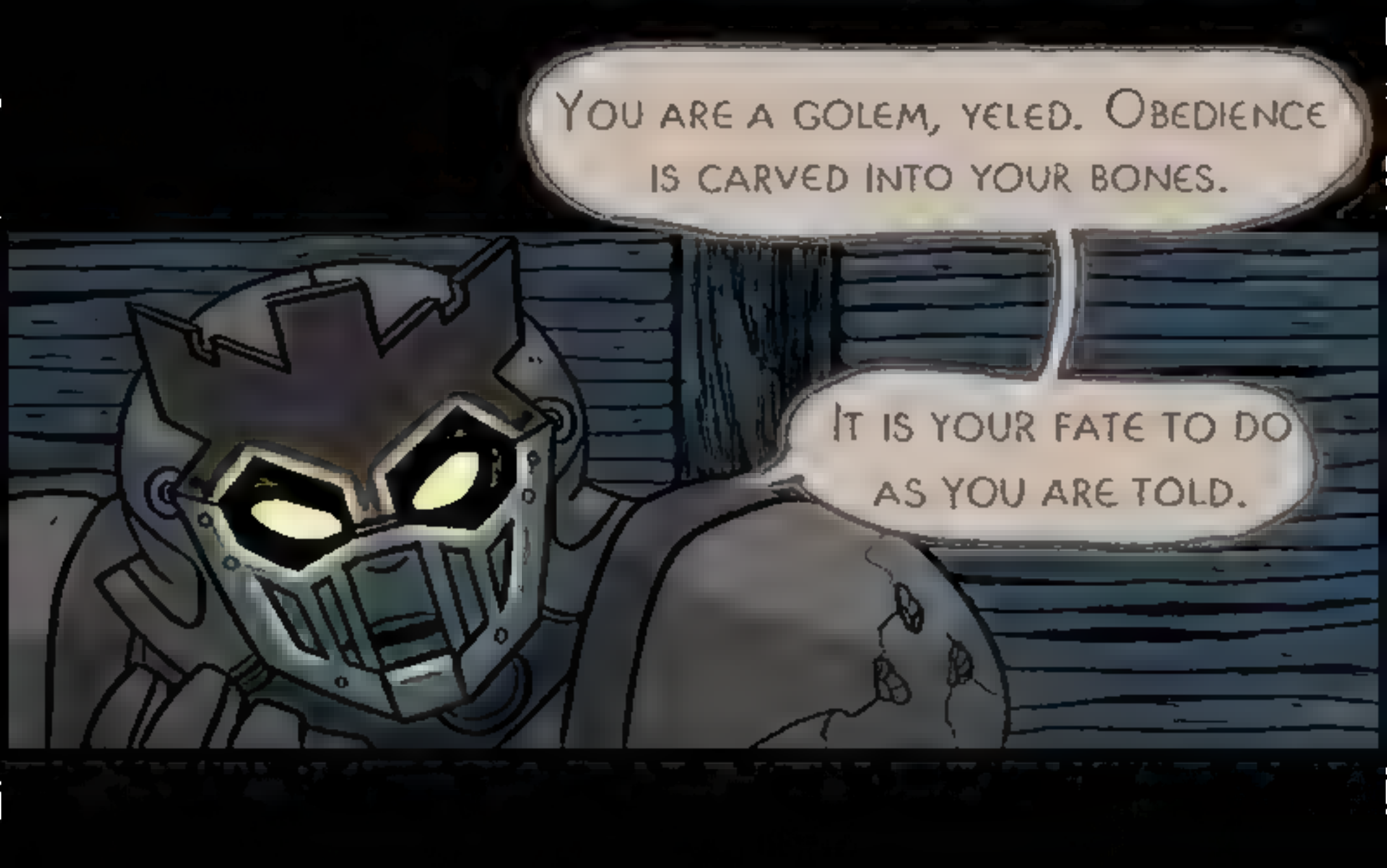

AH...SORRY, YELED. I KNOW THEY ARE YOUR FRIENDS.


IT HAS BEEN AN UGLY DAY, AND I DO NOT FEEL FORGIVING.

IT'S ALRIGHT, SIR.
THIS IS WHAT I WAS BUILT TO DO. I'LL GET USED TO IT.

DON'T.


SIR?


YOU ARE A GOLEM, YELED. OBEDIENCE IS CARVED INTO YOUR BONES.
IT IS YOUR FATE TO DO AS YOU ARE TOLD.

BUT YOU ARE BLESSED BY GOD WITH A FREE MIND, THOUGHTS THAT ARE YOUR OWN.
PAT

DO NOT GIVE THAT AWAY TO ANYONE. IT IS WHAT SEPARATES GOLEMS FROM GHOSTS AND THE MAD.
WE STILL SEE OURSELVES.

GUARD YOUR HEART, REGINALD.

Hey all!
I'm currently out doing comic conventions. What you just read was created by my friend Ali, to go up in my absence.
Ali and I spent a good chunk of time talking about golems in the Sword Interval setting, as well as Reginald's backstory. So Ali wrote and illustrated this episode, but it's all canonical.

Ali has her own comic here on Webtoon. It's called *Ophiuchus* and is a colorful, fantastical story about skeletons and robots.
Natasha, who does the flat colors on every Sword Interval episode, also works on Ophiuchus. Please check it out!

Next week we will have one more guest episode, and then we're gonna get back to the main storyline!